School to Work

MORE ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES

For more information on enterprise activities and programs that you may wish to participate in, visit the websites listed below. Discuss some of these programs (*) with your teachers to do at school.

* www.mindshop.com.au/mswebpage.nsf/pages/excellence

Mindshop Excellence is a 5 day work experience program aimed at Year 10 students. A team of 6 students will visit a host organisation. Facilitators will train you in business processes. You will then be given a real workplace issue to solve over the course of the 5 days. The team will present their solution to management, staff, parents and teachers.

* www.youth2youth.com.au/

Youth 2 Youth run skill-based workshops in school or outside school that equip young people with career, enterprise and business skills. They develop 2 free publications – *Frank* for young women and *Ignite* for all youth – they highlight opportunities, list contacts and provide inspiration for enterprising young people. The site provides youth information and hotlinks to many other sites.

* www.anpf.cit.act.edu.au/index.php

Australian Network of Practice Firms – a practice firm is a virtual business set up and run by students with support from teachers and a mentor business partner. Practice firms trade in a virtual economy with other practice firms in the network and can attend and participate in trade fairs at a local, regional, state and national level.

* www.takethechallenge.com.au/

Energy Australia Red Cross Youth Challenge invites young people, teachers and members of the community to take the challenge by finding a project that helps your community. Groups work together on a project gaining skills in project management, problem solving, research and communication. The site lists available projects or you can come up with your own.

* www.sustainableliving.com.au/

Sustainable Living Competition is an annual competition for high school students to undertake environmental projects in the classroom individually or by entire school communities. More than $30,000 in prizes.

* www.yaa.org.au/

Young Achievement Australia (YAA) offer 2 programs. Business Skills is aimed at Year 11 students. Groups of 20-25 students run their own business under the mentorship of a host organization and take responsibility for all decisions. The program is run over 16-24 weeks generally outside school hours. Students can achieve a Certificate II in Business. Business Enterprise is for Year 8, 9 10 students and introduces you to the world of business. Generally conducted in Commerce, Business or Work Education classes.

* www.asx.com.au/sharegame

ASX Schools Sharemarket Game is available to students in years 7-12. Students form a syndicate of 2-4 students. Each syndicate is provided with an imaginary $50,000 to invest in shares. This hands on experience of the share market will see you involved in internet "share trading" over a 10 week period.

* www.austrade.gov.au/studentcentre

Austrade Export Plan Competition is a 5 week hands on unit where students study business with global potential. Students can apply business, economic and marketing theory and will allow you to consider the global potential and small business opportunities in your own local area.

* www.abw.org.au/

Australian Business Week (ABW) offer several programs. The in school program is an intensive 5 day program (involving all year 10 or 11) where groups of 10 students form a simulated company and assume the key roles of that company's employees. This culminates in the production and marketing of a product at a trade fair.

* www.csiro.au/crest/index.html

CREST (Creativity in Science and Technology) provides students with a nationally accredited award for completing science or technology research projects. Projects are offered at different levels. Links are made with industry or community workers so you gain an understanding of the role of science and engineering in the community.

www.enya.org.au/

The Enterprise Network for Young Australians (ENYA) promotes the active participation of young people (15-30) in enterprise in an ethical and sustainable manner. It can assist you to set up your own enterprise by directing you to funding opportunities, mentors and training. ENYA has links to many other sites targeting youth.

www.govolunteer.com.au/

Go Volunteer provides you with all the information you need if you are considering volunteering or seeking volunteer opportunities in your local area.

www.youthgas.com

Youthgas provides timely and accessible youth information / opportunities, a space for younger voices to be expressed and a place for people to share and learn about issues and concerns.

www.youngaustralians.org/

The Foundation for Young Australians is committed to developing innovative initiatives that support and empower the lives of young Australians aged 12-25. They provide seed funding for ideas and help you see your idea to fruition.

www.myownbusiness.org/index.html

My Own Business site is a free internet business course on starting up and operating your own business. It offers resources, forum and chat, various courses and helpful information geared toward successful business.